



envision: finding our place in a larger story

A New Name

“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU...” — JEREMIAH 29:11

Week 3 of 5

max power intro :: FAMOUS STAGE NAMES :: TOP 10

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 22:1

Some Bible Names:

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living

Genesis 3:20

So in the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

1 Samuel 1:20

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:13-14

What's in a name? BABY NAME BOOK (get names from congregation) -> Jeffrey

Our Church Name

- ▶ Cooperative & Focused
SOUTHSIDE (geographically focused) CHURCH (unity)
- ▶ Missional
avoiding denominational, theological, or irrelevant terms
- ▶ Simple
Moving northward was hard on me... attached to the southside statistics.

Did we make a mistake?

Phase Two is all about God doing something

bigger than we imagined!

130,000 people in the county / 91,000 are not in any church / Jesus died for them.
PART OF THAT IS A NEW NAME (BUT WE AREN'T GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT TODAY)

On Biblical Name-Changing

ILL: Name change from Jeff to Daddy

- ▶ Abram became ***Abraham*** (father of many) (Gen 17:5)
God was sealing a promise
ILL: JEN BATTLEDAY -> MIKELS (at least she liked it)

- ▶ Jacob (deceiver) became ***Israel*** (struggler) (Ge 32:28)
- ▶ Simon (known for FIMS) became ***Peter rock*** (Mat 16:18)
FOOT-IN-MOUTH-SYNDROME // Leaving the past behind
ILL: Artist Formerly Known as Prince
- ▶ Hoshea (salvation) became ***Joshua*** (Yahweh Saves) (Num 13:16)
MOSES gave Joshua a better perspective // ANTI messiah complex
- ▶ Saul (Hebrew name) becomes ***Paul*** (Greek name) (Acts 13:9)
RELEVANCE // 1 Cor 9:22 all things to all men...
FOR EACH OF THESE PEOPLE GOD DID SOMETHING AMAZING...
Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

1 Corinthians 1:26

{ YOUR NAME } Changed!

Hosea 1:1-1:9 (p. 626)

ILL: I've been called names... by my sister: jerk, by classmates, “Mr. Perfect.”

NAMES HURT BECAUSE MY NAME IS MY IDENTITY / WHO I AM IN THE EYES OF ANOTHER

ILL: FIGHTING RULE #1 :: NAME CALLING IS A FORFEIT

What names have you been called?

Hosea mentions the worst / PEARL HARBOR, UNLOVED, NOT MINE / but what we deserve.

Mr. Perfect because I can do math... ONE WRONG is INFINITELY WRONG
GOD'S STANDARDS HIGHER THAN ANY CRITIC // WE DESERVE EVERY NAME

Hosea 1:10-2:1

Whatever you've been called, God calls you
“My ***Child***, My ***Loved One***.”

REPRISE: Confirming a promise / Leaving the Past / Called to significance

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

Romans 8:15

Ephesians 1:4, 5; 2:11-13; 3:1; 3:14-4:1

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God---

John 1:12

EARTHLY NAMES MATTER LITTLE; WHAT MATTERS IS WHAT GOD CALLS US.